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SUBJECT: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S VISIT: RESULTS

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1. DECEMBER 19 CAIRO PRESS REPORTS MEETING BETWEEN MIKI AND PRESIDENT SADAT (REFTEL) AND PUBLISHES JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED DECEMBER 18 AT END OF MIKI'S FOUR-DAY VISIT TO EGYPT.

2. ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF MIKI'S VISIT, COMMUNIQUE STATED THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO EXTEND A LOAN TO EGYPT OF 140 MILLION DOLLARS AT TWO PERCENT INTEREST, TO BE REPAID OVER A PERIOD OF 25 YEARS WITH A GRACE PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THE LOAN. THE LOAN IS INTENDED TO COVER HALF THE EXTIMATED FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF CLEARING OF THE SUEZ CANAL, AND THE LOAN AGREEMENT IS TO BE SIGNED IMMEDIATELY AFTER AN EGYPTIAN DECISION TO BEGIN CLEARANCE WORK ON THE CANAL. A SPECIAL JAPANESE ECONOMIC DELEGATION IS TO ARRIVE IN EGYPT AFTER THE BEGINNING OF 1974 TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND
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DEVELOPMENT MATTERS.

3. POLITICALLY, THE COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT A "BASIC PRINCIPLE" OF THE GOJ'S FOREIGN POLICY IS THE INADMISSIBILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE; AND NOTED FURTHER MIKI'S VIEW THAT IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE ME, "ISRAELI FORCES SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM ALL THE TERRITORIES OCCUPED IN THE 1967 WAR," AND ISRAEL SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE US CHARTER AND UN RESOLUTIONS.

4. MIKI EXTENDED AN INVITATION FOR SADAT TO VISIT JAPAN, WHICH SADAT ACCEPTED. A DATE FOR THE VISIT WILL BE SET LATER.

5. COMMENT: JAPANESE EMBOFF REMARKED TO USINTOFF ON DECEMBER 18 THAT EGYPTIANS HAD BEEN RELATIVELY LIGHT ON DEMANDS FOR A STRONGER JAPANESE POLICY THAN THAT TAKEN THUS FAR VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL, SOMEWHAT MORE INSISTENT ON JAPANESE EFFORTS TO URGE THE US TOWARD A SETTLEMENT, AND VERY STRONG ON JAPANESE ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR EGYPT. HE NOTED THAT EGYPTIANS ACCEPTED 140 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN SOMEWHAT UNHAPPILY, SINCE THEY APPEARED TO EXPECT FAR MORE THAN THIS.

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